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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

16 December 1987

The Honorable Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a report of the Special Counsel to the DCI concerning the CIA's role in the Iran-Contra matter. I have used this report, along with reports of the Inspector General and Congressional Committee reports, as the basis for the administrative action taken in this matter.

But of more importance is its value as a management tool for the future. In deference to the privacy interests of our employees who are named in this report, I ask that you use appropriate discretion in sharing its contents with others for whom you have responsibility.

I am also enclosing a copy of my covering letter to the Oversight Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen. This may be shared with others within your Directorate or Office as you see fit.

While I can anticipate some temporary bumps in the road as a result of this necessary review and action, I hope I can count on you to support the process and the product and help me move on without loss of momentum in this great organization.

Sincerely,

Bill

William H. Webster

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